

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 23rd October 2016

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## Amateur Station Licence Examination

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday 1st December in the ComReg Offices in Dublin and at other centres if warranted by the numbers. Some applications have been received and as numbers are limited those intending to sit the examination should apply soon. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at [www.irts.ie/exam](http://www.irts.ie/exam) . Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination.

It is important to note that even If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Thursday 10th November.

Four Exam Reports which were previously published in Echo Ireland are available on the Downloads section of the website at [www.irts.ie/downloads](http://www.irts.ie/downloads) under "Studying for the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate". These reports contain very useful information for anyone studying for the Licence Examination. Intending candidates are advised to pay particular attention to the syllabus for the examination especially Annexes 1 and 2.

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## AREN News

### Past events

On October 7th and 8th members EI2HBB and EI4JN took part in an multi-agency exercise on Valentia Island, County Kerry. The event focused on the capabilities of the voluntary organisations in missing persons searches and on the command and control structure. Of particular interest was the Civil Defence camera drones, Coast Guard abseiling and Search Dog skills. AREN demonstrated APRS tracking and the mobile command post.

### Upcoming events

The 5th National annual training and development weekend will be held at the usual venue of Lough Derg House, Dromineer County Tipperary on 19th and 20th

November. New members welcome.

Inquiries to Conor EI4JN, John EI7IG. For further information on the Amateur Radio Emergency Network, visit [www.aren.ie](http://www.aren.ie)

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## **Luxembourg Goes Live on 5**

Since 10th October 2016, the new WRC15 60m band has been released for amateur radio use in Luxembourg. The update to the national frequency plan of 3rd October, published in the Memorial (the official Luxembourg government publication) on 10th October allows the use from 5351.5 to 5366.5 kHz on a secondary basis with an "Effective Radiated Power" of 15W

At the time of writing, the Luxembourg LX0HF CW beacon on 5205.25 kHz was still active.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

There will be no October meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group as Monday 31st October is a bank holiday. The next meeting will be held on Monday 28th November at the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford at 8.30pm.

New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio are very welcome to attend.

Anyone who wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can come along to any of our meetings. You can check our website [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie) and you can also join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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## **DX News**

Francois F6AJL will be QRV from the West African country of Benin using the callsign TY5AA until 30th November. He will operate all bands 80m to 10m. QSLs go via his home call.

Chas NK8O will be making another trip to Tanzania where he will again sign 5H3DX from 22nd October until 12th November. He will operate mainly CW on 80m to 15m. He is associated with helping the local Children's Hospital in Zinga, Tanzania. Details of the way to QSL can be found on the 5H3DX qrz.com page.

Sigi DL7DF and 4 other German amateurs will visit the Caribbean island of Anguilla from 25th October until 7th November. Their callsign will be VP2EGR and operation will be on 160m to 10m CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL to DL7DF.

The highly experienced 'Six-Gs' DXpedition Group will be active as ZL7G from Chatham Island from 27th October to 10th November. They will have four complete high power stations and hope to satisfy the demand from Europe for ZL7. This is the same group that had a successful trip to Niue Island last year as E6GG.

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### **Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club Rally MN0GKL**

The Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club Rally takes place at the United Services Club, 8 Roe Mill Road, Limavady BT49 9DF. Sunday 6th November. Doors open at 11am. More details on [www.bushvalley-arc.co.uk](http://www.bushvalley-arc.co.uk)

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### **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group**

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will be held at The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Wednesday 26th October 2016 at 8.30pm. This meeting is open to all and Short Wave Listeners are in particular very welcome to attend.

A number of radio related topics are up for discussion. For more information about Tipperary Amateur Radio Group go to the group website [www.ei7trg.ie](http://www.ei7trg.ie)

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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